

# OVER THE VALLEY

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## Fire Near Union—

The large dwelling house on the K. J. Martin place on the highway between Union and Cove was completely destroyed by fire at about 4 o'clock yesterday morning. No one was living in the house at the time and the origin of the fire is unknown. The property, until recently, was owned by Mrs. K. J. Martin, but had been sold to P. G. Wakoner of La Grande. A strong wind and no water facilities made it impossible to check the fire, though it was kept from spreading to other buildings. The loss has not yet been estimated.

## Visit in City—

Miss Marjorie Woodell of Dry Creek has been spending her Christmas vacation in La Grande at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dyer. Dry Creek school, which she attends has two weeks vacation. The teacher, Miss Margaret Hall is visiting her sister in western Oregon during her vacation.

## Family Dinner—

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hawkins and Mrs. Snedeker, Mrs. Hawkins' mother of the Cove-Union highway ate roast goose on Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vogel near Union, Mrs. Vogel being Mrs. Hawkins' daughter. Mrs. Snedeker remained for a weekend visit.

## Shopping—

Robert Dunne, Esq., young son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunne of near the Cove spent Friday in La Grande, the La Grande store having occupied most of his attention.

## Relief Calves—

There is great rejoicing in the J. E. Mills family near Cove over the two little baby calves born to "Noble Rosarie LaBelle" Saturday, December 21. This cow is a registered Jersey seven years old and belongs to Miss Dorothy. When a young calf she was bought for \$100 by her mother. Her mother is "LaBelle Noble Rosarie" and her sire, "LaBelle Noble Fern" and came from the dairy of E. L. Fowler at Candy, costing \$100 when only a very small calf. This is her fourth lactation period; her first calf was a heifer and then there were two male calves, one after the other and now twin heifers. This cow is one of the high producing cows of the Mills dairy testing when fresh 6 plus and when nearly dry 5 plus. Her first calf is now milking and gives promise of being good as her mother. She also has a heifer calf "Noble Rosarie LaBelle" is a small type of cow and has never won many prizes at the stock shows, but she is now proving her worth and is the pride of Mrs. Dorothy's heart.

## Feeds Gray Sheep—

George Gray of Lower Cove, is feeding a large band of sheep on the Stanton ranch near the Hempe school.

## Chapter Installs—

Blue Mountain chapter, No. 52 of the Elgin, Oregon Order of the Eastern Star held joint installation with the Masonic lodge at the Masonic hall. With Mrs. Mildred Osborne as installing officer for the Star, the following officers were installed: Josephine Harris, worthy matron; T. W. Brown, worthy patron; Martha Buchanan, associate matron; Rev. Williams, associate patron; U. E. Weiss, secretary; Emma Rice, treasurer; Zella Reed, conductress; Edith Maston, associate conductress. The following officers were appointed by the new worthy matron, Edith Maston, chaplain, Mildred Osborne, grandly, Margie Williams, 60; grandly, Berle Wagner, 40; Cora Hug, Ruth; Mollie Allen, 40; Violet Buoy, Martha; Wanda Armit, Floeta; Bessie Westenskow, warder; Bertha Terpany, sentinel. At the close of the installation, Mrs. Osborne, the past worthy matron was presented with a past worthy matron's jewel in token of the love and appreciation of her splendid work during the past year. Mrs. Osborne responded with a very pleasing address thanking the chapter for their hearty cooperation which they showed during the past year. T. N. Brown, past worthy patron was also presented with a very handsome gift in token of his excellent work during the past year. At 6:30 o'clock a sumptuous banquet was served to 125 members and friends.

## Weekend Guest—

Miss Dorothy Smutz had for her guest during the weekend Miss Esther Haun, a student at the Eastern Oregon normal school. Miss Haun's home is near Salem.

## Lovely Dinner—

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Spencer and daughters, Thelma and Marjorie of La Grande, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes and sons, Albert and Pat, were guests of Mrs. George Gelsler and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baxter Wednesday when they entertained at a lovely Christmas dinner at their home. Christmas decorations in various colors, were used for the table decorations. The home was also decorated in a Christmas theme. Following dinner, music and singing were the diversions.

## Masquerade Party—

The masquerade party at Summitville Dec. 27th was well attended with many present from Elgin and La Grande as well as Summerville and vicinity. The first prize for men was won by Miles West of Dry Creek, who was dressed as Uncle Sam. The first prize for ladies was won by Miss Edna Slack, as an Indian maid. The comic prize was taken by Clifford Slack of Elgin.

## Loss Fine Cow—

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Musiek are mourning the loss of a purebred Jersey cow, that died Thursday morning, while the Musieks were away celebrating Christmas day. The two cows that comprise their herd had helped themselves to the grain and did as some humans do at this season, ate too much. When the Musieks returned they found both cows prostrate. One is recovering, but one (her best one) died Thursday morning.

## Makes Visit—

Roy Wells, who lives near Echo came to Starkey for a visit over Christmas at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Thomas and to see especially his children who live with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

## Week at Home—

Miss Ava Woodell who teaches the Lone Star school spent her week's vacation at her home in Dry Creek. Her school started again yesterday.

## Grange Tomorrow—

The regular meeting of the Blue Mountain grange will be held at the hall tomorrow. A pot luck dinner will be served at noon.

## Cocleth's Visit—

Mrs. Henry Cocleth returned during the weekend to her home at Muddy Creek after having spent several days over Christmas at the parental Ledbetter home. She was accompanied by the Misses Alice Kippel and Mabel Morton and Miss Dooling of Poochoo China. Miss Ding had never before seen show and the eight or ten inches that covered the ground in that vicinity were the cause for great amusement on her part. Miss Ding with her imaginations regarding it with the exception that she had never thought about it being cold. Miss Ding said that once when a small child, her mother took her clear to being to see snow, which is common in that part of China, but during the journey it turned warmer and by the time they reached the city, the snow had all disappeared. Miss Ding is a graduate student at O. S. C.

## Christmas in La Grande—

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Woodell, Ava, Marjorie and Lloyd of Dry Creek, spent Christmas in La Grande at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lillie Baker, 2404 N. Depot street. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woodell, sons Marshall and Donald and daughter, Donna Marcell and Miss Evelyn Love of Baker were there also.

## To Walla Walla Sunday—

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smutz and two children, Walter and Dorothy and Mrs. Smutz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hepper drove to Walla Walla Sunday and spent the day with Mr. Hepper's sister, Mrs. Rose Corbett, who is there from her California home visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Hazel Martin and family.

## Feeding Much Stock—

For a distance of five miles extending from Union down Catherine creek large bands of sheep and beef cattle are being fed at present. Fine weather and the wetness along the creek which furnish protection from storms make this section ideal for winter feeding. Stockmen are feeding heavily now and there seems to be plenty of hay in the valley at present. There is a long, stockman think there will be enough feed to carry the stock through in good shape. There are about 10,000 sheep along the creek owned by William Doherty, S. E. Miller, William Hawkins, Bert Knight, O. M. Crossland, John Peterson, J. K. Lindsey, William Vogel and Ariel Bean. Aside from dairy stock about 2000 beef cattle are being fed by Benson Bros., Boasting Bros., Ed Rosewell and Bob French of Cove, E. E. Miller, John Chadwick, Andy Elliott, J. C. Lay of the Park and Jake Lanus.

## Botmas to Work—

Miss Myrtle Chandler, who teaches in the Portland schools has been having her Christmas vacation at the home of her parents near Elgin. She returned to her teaching duties Sunday evening.

## Purchase Farm—

C. E. Lawson of the Union-Cove highway, has recently purchased the Phil Miller place known as the old Taylor place in High Valley.

## Fractures Wrist—

Loa Elmer of Elgin is suffering from a fractured wrist. It is reported.

## Calendars for Schools—

The following contribution is an interesting one, "Historical calendars presented by the Grand Home Mead Co. are to be sent out to the rural schools by county superintendent E. A. Sayre for the encouragement of "Patriotism and Law-abiding citizenship." The beginning of the Republic is the picture on the large calendar which is about five feet long and three feet wide and will make an attractive picture for any classroom. The picture is of George Washington and other historical figures and bears the caption: "He promised to lead us in peace as he had led us in war. He made his noble example good, let us emulate his noble example. Those few words might be read to apply to our own times and our own President Hoover, whose work at the present time is to lead us in peace as did President Wilson in war. More and more the feeling of peace and brotherly love between people, country and nations is being stressed in the

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## Home for Visit—

Miss Lois Lawson who is teaching at Houghton, Wash., is spending a two weeks vacation at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lawson on the Cove-Union highway. She underwent a tonsil operation at La Grande on Friday.

## In Elgin—

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Tameris went to Elgin to spend Christmas at the C. G. Elgin home there. Mr. Tameris returned Wednesday evening leaving Mrs. Tameris until Sunday with her parents. Mrs. Tameris is the Kamela school teacher.

## Bags Fine Hawk—

Mrs. F. W. Hawkins, living near Cove, has recently received word from her son, Glen Richardson at Turner Valley, Alberta, Canada, who said he was visiting at the C. hunting trip and had brought in a 275 pound buck, a five point, perfect head, and is having the head of it mounted. Glen is tool dressing for the Innerfold Oil Drilling company in Turner Valley.

## On Snake River—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers who farmed the old Stanton ranch a few years ago are now located on a ranch on the Snake river. They were in Union recently and attended the Commercial club dance. Mr. Myers said they raised 2000 turkeys the past year. Their daughter, Marjorie is attending the academy in Baker.

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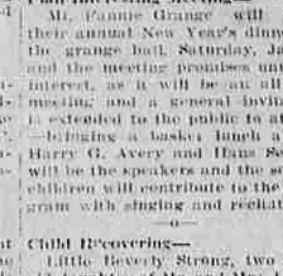
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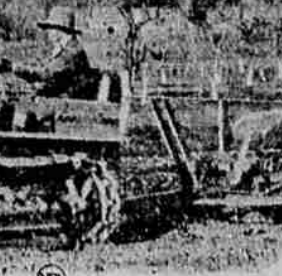
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